Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether in sanctioning money for opening separate boys' and girls' schools in the coming budget this matter has been kept in view ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Yes, Sir."

Establishment of additional girls' high schools in the Presidency.

* 1538 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 626 answered on 26th November 1928 regarding the establishment of girls' schools in additional centres—

(a) whether the Government have arrived at any decision regarding the establishment of high schools for girls in additional centres ;

(b) if so, what it is ;

(c) in how many places such schools, if any, were established in the current year ; and

(d) how many more are proposed to be established in the next year and where ?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

(c) A secondary school for girls was opened at Bellary in the current year.

(d) It is proposed to establish a secondary school at Ellore.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" With reference to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b), may I know from the hon. Minister for how long this matter has been under the consideration of Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" For about ten months."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" Is it not a fact that the Director of Public Instruction made a tour in the heart of the presidency with a view to come to a decision upon this matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Yes, he did. The proposal is now under consideration."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" How long are they going to consider ? Are they going to settle it before the budget is finally fixed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" These are not matters that can be settled in a day."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether Government have any intention of appointing a committee to consider and report on the question of secondary education of girls before going on with the further establishment of secondary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That matter will be considered."

Libraries in the Presidency.

* 1539 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of libraries in this province ;

(b) where they are situated ;

(c) by whom they are managed ;

(d) the number of books in English and in vernaculars in each ;

(e) the cost of establishment ; and

(f) whether any grant is given by the Government to any of them and if so, what amount ?

A.—(a) *to* (f) It is presumed that the reference is to libraries other than those attached to Educational institutions, the Connemara Public Library and the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library. Government have no information in regard to such libraries. The attention of the hon. Member is, however, invited

(i) to supplemental statistics (94) appended to Volume II of the report on Public Instruction for 1927–28, which shows the number of educational associations and reading rooms in each district, and

(ii) to the undermentioned Government Orders (placed on the Editors' Table) in which grants have been sanctioned for public libraries :—

G.O. No. 719, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1921.

G.O. No. 350, Law (Education), dated 7th March 1924.

G.O. No. 1863, Law (Education), dated 28th October 1925.

G.O. No. 2313, Law (Education), dated 16th December 1926.

G.O. No. 75, Law (Education), dated 12th January 1928.

G.O. No. 2366, Law (Education), dated 8th December 1928.

In addition to the amounts specified in the orders quoted above, grants aggregating to Rs. 57,000 have been distributed to village panchayats during the years 1925–26 to 1928–29 (inclusive) towards the maintenance of public libraries.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister will call for a list of libraries ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have no objection to do so."

Depressed class students receiving collegiate education.

*1540 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students belonging to the depressed classes who are studying in college classes ;

(b) how many of them are free scholars ;

(c) how many of them receive any scholarships ; and

(d) how many of them receive help under boarding ?

A.—The information has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction.